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Professor John Burnet,

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Scotland.

Dear Sir:

I received so much pleasure a few weeks ago from reading your book "Higher Education and the War" that I am venturing to send you this expression of my thanks for what I have learned from your chapters.

Many years ago, I think it was in the winter of 1888, I heard you give a lecture on "Plato" in Professor Butcher's advanced class in Edinburgh, and as I am a graduate of Edinburgh myself I have kept more or less in touch with the progress of the Scotch Universities.

It seems to me that your treatment of the German University system is admirable, bringing out many factors that I remember impressed me when I was a student in Germany. I am also interested in what you say as to the retention of science in the general course. We are debating that subject in Toronto at present. Also, we are struggling for the retention of Latin for the general student, and I think we shall succeed in keeping it on the curriculum. If we do not it will I am afraid leave the ordinary schools, and it is at present one of the subjects that is most easily and best taught in the schools of the province.

We are, as you may suppose, suffering very severely from the

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war. The flower of our youth have gone and at present the strain is very severe. However, we will hope for the best.

I am taking the liberty of asking the authorities of the University of Pennsylvania to send you a bulletin which has just come out containing an address that I gave about two months ago in Philadelphia.

Yours sincerely,

President.